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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council Meeting

Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Restoration Program FY 2000 Priority Public Workshop.

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) will meet to discuss key issues in addressing CALFED critical issues, focusing on Finance, Governance, the Draft Preferred Alternative and Restoration Coordination. There will also be a site tour of Battle Creek leaving from and returning to Wild Bill's Restaurant in Red Bluff. A reception and meeting at the Red Bluff Community/Senior Center will follow the tour.

CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program will sponsor a FY 2000 Priority Setting Workshop on August 31, 1999, to discuss priorities for FY 2000. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: BDAC will tour Battle Creek in Red Bluff on Thursday, September 16, 1999. The tour will run from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., leaving from and returning to, Wild Bill's Restaurant in Red Bluff. The evening reception will be on September 16, 1999 at the Red Bluff Community/Senior Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BDAC will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 1999 at the Red Bluff Community/Senior Center.

The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Restoration Program FY 2000 Priority Public Workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 1999 in the Auditorium at 714 P Street in Sacramento.

ADDRESSES: BDAC will rendezvous from Will Bill's Restaurant, 500 Riverside, Red Bluff, CA 96080. The BDAC evening reception and meeting will be held at the Red Bluff Community/Senior Center, 1500 South Jackson Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Restoration Program FY 2000 Priority Public Workshop will be held in the auditorium at 714 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the BDAC tour, reception and meeting contact Eugenia Laychak, CALFED Bay-Delta Program at (916) 657-2666.

For information on the Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Restoration Program FY 2000 Priority Public Workshop, contact Wendy Halverson Martin, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666.

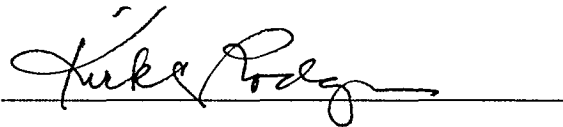
If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to

improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as Advisory Council BDAC to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.



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